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1. On 14 or 15 January and on 17 or 18 respectively, the advanced detail and the bulk of a training battalion, presumably coming from the Bautzen area, arrived at Neubrandenburg airfield.<sup>1</sup> The strength of the battalion was about 450 cadre personnel including:

the commander : a major who served for 30 years as a soldier;

the cadre officer : Captain Leyer (fmu);

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the administration officer: a captain

The unit was organized into the battalion staff without headquarters company, 1st and 2nd companies, and the 1st and 2nd Tng companies, each headed by a company commander, presumably 1 captain and 3 first lieutenants. The 1st and 2nd Co's were billeted in buildings referred to by U 6 and U 9, the 1st and 2nd Tng Co's in buildings U 3, while the staff was housed in administrative building Vw 1.<sup>2</sup> It was planned to reinforce the unit and to improve the billets as far as necessary. Plans were available, but the beginning of construction work was postponed until early 1959 due to financial reasons.<sup>3</sup>

2. Each training course was planned to take care of about 150 soldiers. The soldiers of the motor vehicle and training companies were scheduled to be trained for 4 weeks and 6 weeks respectively. Between 23 and 27 January 1958, the first 150 recruits arrived with the battalion. All of them were newly enlisted personnel, some of whom had not yet been sworn in. The soldiers had gone through a general medical inspection but were again examined with the battalion to see whether they were fit for driving (color-blindness, eye and ear defects and disease of the heart). They were, however, not examined on whether they were fit for flying. In general, their state of health was good.

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3. The quarters were in poor conditions, sanitary measures left much to be desired. There was no warm water, and the drinking and washing water was cloudy and brackish. A lack of cleanliness was already observed with the cadre personnel.

4. A major and u/i number of trucks was available at Neubranderburg airfield, the parking place of which was not determined. Generally only 5 to 6 trucks were used for training purposes.

5. For the time being, only the northern gate was used and was guarded by 1 NCO and 6 EM. The oil dump in the north was still in existence. No motion picture theater and theater (K 3) were available. The administrative building Vw 1 was enlarged to the north for housing a dispensary. The installation referred to as K 1, U 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and Pu (water works) were available.<sup>2</sup>

6. The soldiers of the motor vehicle companies received training in truck driving, maintenance of vehicles and small repairs, while the training companies presumably received theoretical instruction, on which no details were known.

1.  Comment. This information confirms the transfer of the instruction and training battalion from Bautzen.

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2.  Comment. For location and kind of the buildings, see Annex.

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3.  Comment.  in the course of 1958 the battalion was reinforced to regimental strength.

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Neubrandenburg Airfield

Status: September 1957

1. Location

- a.  $53^{\circ} 36' 10''$  N /  $13^{\circ} 18' 40''$  E
- b. 6km northeast of Neubrandenburg
- 1.5 km east of Trollenhagen
- c. 68 meters above sea level
- d. Plane table sheet Nos 2345/46 and 2445/46.

2. Possibilities of Approaching and Observing the Airfield

The airfield cannot be seen very well from the south because it is hidden behind a hill. The woods where the buildings are located are guarded by sentries. The airfield area can be observed from the north and the east. In the north, the entrance to the landing field is open; it is, however, not quite clear how far the wire fence extends in the north. In the south, only remainders of old fences were observed.

3. Airfield Installations

Abbreviations Used	Item	Reconnaissance Results	Reconnaissance Requirements
	Landing field	sod with drainage system	
A -	dispersal areas	see sketch	
Ba -	railroad connection		
	supply station	Neubrandenburg	
	spur track	see sketch	
	loading ramps	east of the destroyed ammunition dump, west of the track	
E e -	lighting facilities	runway lighting facilities and flare path are switched on when necessary	
Bo -	Revetments	in the eastern part of the landing field there are about 15 grass-covered revetments for jet fighters; in the northwestern corner, there are some old revetments	Where ?
Dr -	drainage system	draining ditch running from southern edge of landing field to "Krummen See"	
El -	transformer house		
F -	flight control station (F)	just south of runway S 1; destroyed flight control building	
F1 -	AAA emplacement	unoccupied emplacement at southern edge of landing field	

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Abbreviations Used	Item	Reconnaissance Results	Reconnaissance Requirements
Fu	- radio installations		
Fu A :	type A	in eastern extension to runway S 1;	
Fu C :	type C	southwest of Glockenhof, near Fu A;	
Fu D :	type D	in eastern extension of runway S 1, in the open field between Leglulnerhoehe and Louisenhof;	
Fw	- fire brigade (Fw)	temporary building, about 15x40 m, probably occupied by fire brigade; destroyed fire brigade building;	
G	- garages	motor vehicle shed; rooms in the same building; guardrooms in the northern part, billets in the southern wing;	
H	- hangars	H 1, 2, 4, and 6 destroyed; H 6 had been a wooden hangar; the remainders and foundation of which were removed only lately. H 3 and 5 were intact.	
He	- heating facilities	destroyed	
JS	- zeroing-in and firing range	southeast of the former hangar No 6	
K	- kitchen, messhall		
	K 1 :	officers' club with kitchen	
	K 2 :	kitchen, messhall for BM, food store room	
	K 3 :	motion picture theater and theater;	
Lg	- store house		
	store house 1 :	ration supply store	
	store house 2 :	destroyed storehouse	
	store house 3 :	storehouse for construction material with detention rooms	
Lz	- hospital		
M	- ammunition dump	destroyed	
Pr	- test stand	on concrete pedestal, near hangars 3 or 5; Where?	
Pu	- pumping station	water works	
R	- taxiway	see sketch	
S	- runways S 1	direction: E-W long: 2,000 m, scheduled to be extended wide: 80 m thick: 15 cm	
	S 2	direction: N-S long: 1,050 m wide: 80 m thick: 15 cm	

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<u>Abbreviations Used</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reconnaissance Results</u>	<u>Reconnaissance Requirements</u>
St -	stable	Partly destroyed building, now stable for 5 horses;	
T -	fuel dump	lying tanks connected by pipeline	number and size ?
U -	billets		
	U 1	apartment house for commander	
	U 2 and 3	billets for MI	
	U 4 through 9	apartment houses for officers, partly with families. In U 4 and 5 also guestrooms. Four apartment houses for officers' families under construction at Neustrelitzer Chaussee.	Where ?
Vw -	administrative and headquarters building		
	Vw 1	headquarter building, solid, two-story; rooms for main guard in eastern part; interpreters' office and day rooms for German personnel. Small solid building, transformer destroyed	
	Vw 2	for German craftsmen	
W -	repair hangar		
We -	work shop		
Wa -	guardhouse		
	Wa 1	main guard house in eastern part of Vw1;	
	Wa 2	guardhouse in the northern part of garage building	
WT -	watch towers		
Ww -	weather station		
		in the flight control building	
Z -	fence		
	ZD:	new wire fence	
	ZH:	new wooden fence; remainders of an old fence; in the south there are only remainders available. Course not definitely known.	
			Reconnaissance of the whole fence required.

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**Description of Attachments:**

Attachment A: A map of Neubrandenburg airfield showing the locations of installations.

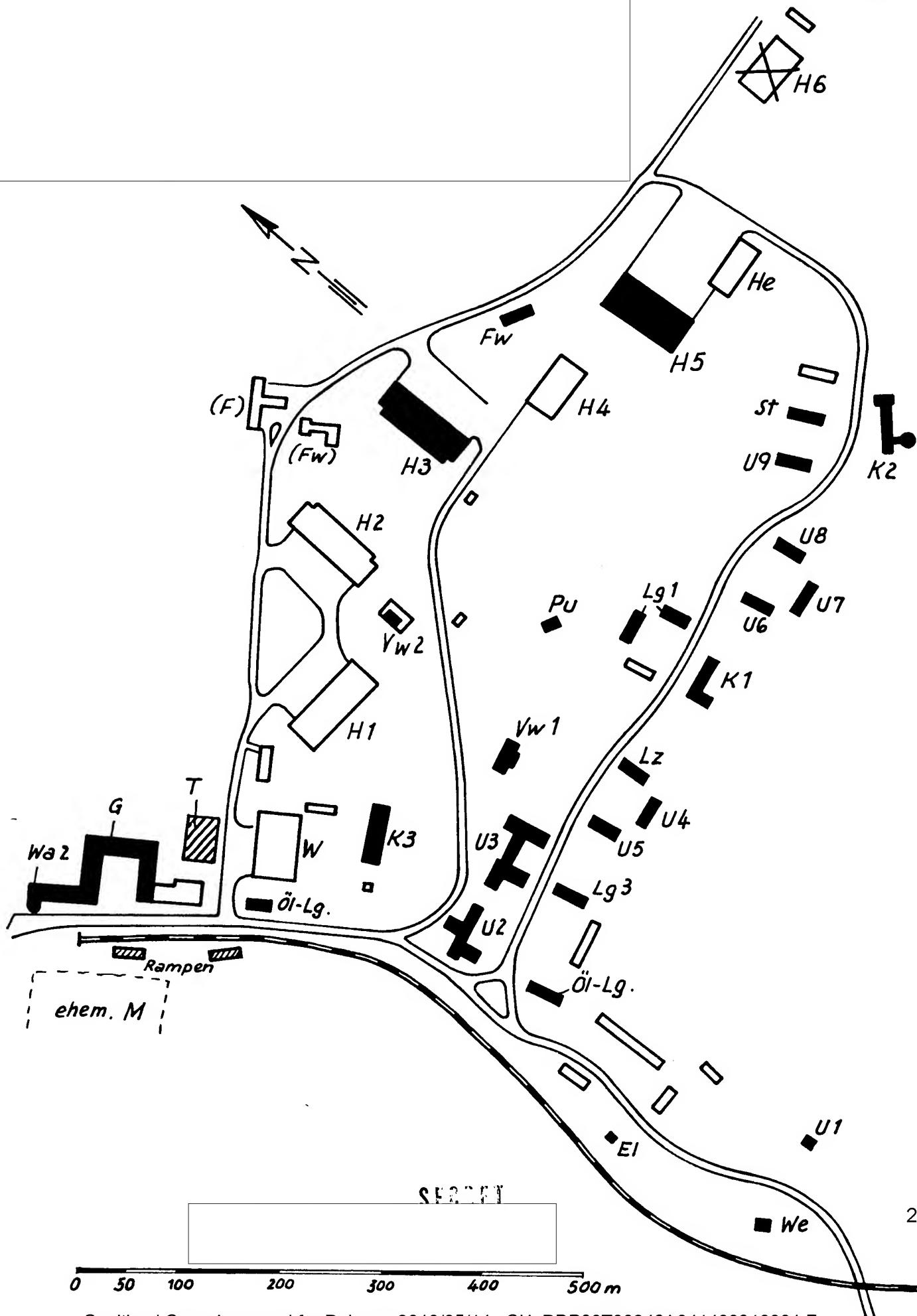
Attachment B: An enlarged section of Attachment A.

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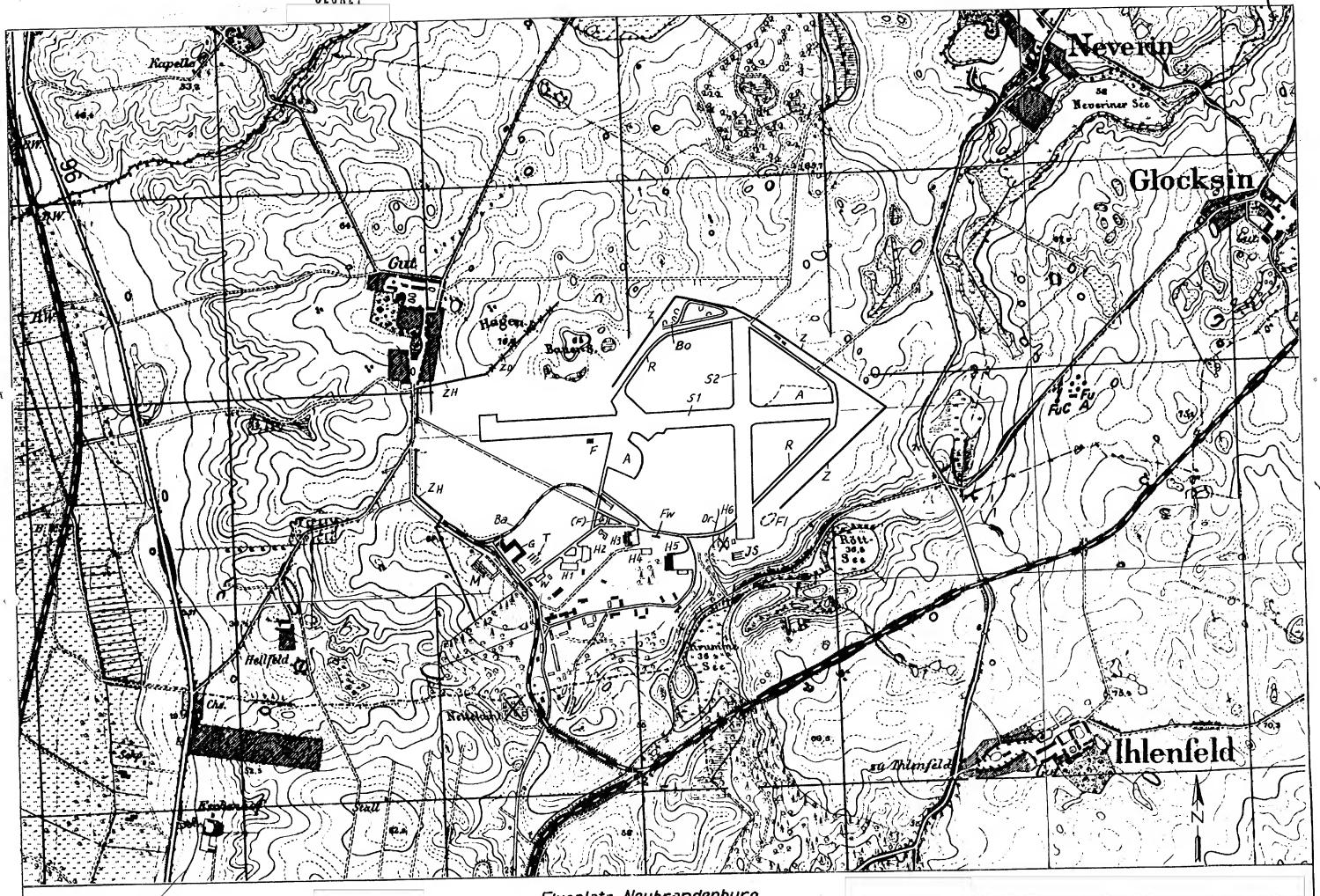
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